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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
Nabil Enrique Salman et al. : Confirmation No. 6122
Serial No. 10/010,391 : Group Art Unit 3721
Filed December 7, 2001 : Examiner Thanh K. Truong

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For Portable Packaging Device And Method For Forming Individually Packaged Articles

PETITION TO DELETE INVENTORS UNDER 37 CFR §§1.48(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of a RCE Under 37 CFR 1.48(b) of the above application Serial No. 10/010,391, filed December 7, 2001, Applicants' Attorney hereby petitions to delete the following inventor(s) from this application:

Andrew Lloyd Bouthilet

This deletion of inventors is requested since Claims 10, 19, and 20 of the above application S.N. 10/010,391 have been deleted. The above-identified inventor was originally named because his part of the invention was aimed at the method for making the article packaging device. Claims 10 and 19 were the subject of a restriction requirement issued on May 29, 2003. Claims 1-9, 11, 13-16, and 20 were elected for further prosecution. However, Applicants found a transcriptional error in claim 20, which earlier depended from claim 15 but in fact should have depended from claim 19. Therefore, Applicants in their response dated February 26, 2004 cancelled claim 20 as well.

It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted.

The fee for this Petition to Delete Inventors is \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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